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TO KIRKPATRICK FOR [ ] AND [ ] FROM [ ] CITE [ ] 382

1. RE CASE 2291 RPT 2291. NICKOLI N POPPE RPT POPPE. SUBJECTS RECENT ILLNESS BEING TREATED BY A SPECIALIST. HE SENDS HIS THANKS FOR YOUR CONCERN AND FOR ANY TROUBLE HIS LETTER MAY HAVE CAUSED.

2. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH POPPE WE HAVE RUN ACROSS A SITUATION WHICH COULD HAVE EMBARRASSING RAMIFICATIONS. POPPE HAS RECEIVED LETTERS FROM FIVE OF HIS FRIENDS IN WESTERN GERMANY EXPRESSING THEIR SYMPATHY FOR THE LONG SEPARATION BETWEEN HIM AND HIS SONS. POPPE STATES THAT THE SEPARATION IS KNOWN TO FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES RESIDING IN SOVIET ZONES. MODESTLY HE STATES THAT A PERSON AS FAMOUS AS HE BECOMES AN OBJECT OF SPECIAL ATTENTION AMONG HIS OWN PEOPLE AND MUCH INTEREST IS DISPLAYED IN HIS PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. PUBLICITY ON THE POPPE CASE IN SOVIET ZONES COULD HAVE A HESITANT EFFECT ON POTENTIAL DEFECTORS.

3. ANOTHER ITEM IS A MEANS OFFERED POPPE TO SPEED UP HIS SONS TRAVEL TO THE US SUGGESTED BY HIS DEPARTMENT HEAD AT THE U OF U. RECENTLY THE U OF U HAS HAD LUCK IN GETTING IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR STATELESS PERSONS BY HAVING STATE OF WASHINGTON SENATORS INTERCEDE. THE UNIVERSITY HAS STATED IT IS WILLING TO WRITE SENATORS SOLICITING THEIR HELP. POPPE IS UNDER CONSIDERABLE EMOTIONAL PRESSURE AND IF HIS ILLNESS DEVELOPS TO A POINT WHERE SURGERY IS NECESSARY HE COULD VERY EASILY CRACK UNDER THE STRAIN.

4. AS A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING MEASURE WE COULD HIRE HIM DURING THE COMING SUMMER MONTHS WHILE HIS UNIVERSITY SALARY IS STOPPED. WE COULD HAVE HIM INTERVIEW VARIOUS LATVIAN, ESTONIAN AND OTHER DP'S RPT DP'S AND WORK ON AREA STUDIES IN ADDITION TO WORK ON EXISTING REQUIREMENTS ALREADY IN OUR OFFICE. WE HESITATE TO MAKE ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO A MONTHLY RATE OF PAY, BUT THINK IT SHOULD BE AT LEAST US\$300 OR HALF OF HIS MONTHLY UNIVERSITY SALARY.

5. SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE WILL BE APPRECIATED.

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